I CLAIM:

1. A hose management/contaminant barrier device for the purpose of providing the user an improved degree of protection and utility, the embodiment of which may be formed by machining, molding, milling, injection molding, or other means, from material(s) which may include but are not necessarily limited to: metal, molded plastic, polymers, nylon, etc., into a sleeve that may be hand-held, yet of sufficient diameter so as to accommodate the diameters and specifications of the particular hoses to which the different models of the device may be designed to apply, and flared and/or beveled at either end, and with a slot of sufficient width so as to accommodate the diameter of the hose to which the various models may be designed to apply, and which has been milled, machined, molded, and/or otherwise formed from a suitable material into an open-sided sleeve or collar, thereby permitting its installation onto the hose(s) to which its described functions are to be applied. The slot may be aligned parallel with the central axis, or, as in the preferred embodiment of the device, aligned obliquely across the central axis. The slot in the preferred embodiments is set obliquely across the central axis so as to create a more sure means of containment for a tensioned hose moving more or less at parallel through the device during the retraction process.

2. The hose management and contaminant barrier device described in claim 1 for the purpose of providing the user a means by which he can partially relieve the effects of friction and lay the reel-bound hose more evenly and consistently onto the reel, and with which he can more effectively control and otherwise direct the inbound hose onto its storage reel via the most effective angle.

3. The hose management/contaminant barrier device described in claim 1 for the purpose of creating friction by leveraging the opposing inside end corners of the employed device against a tensioned, flexible hose, thereby creating friction points whereby the operator can assist the retraction process by pushing the hose onto its reel during the process, and whereby the operator can also create a braking effect for the purpose of preventing powered reel over-runs or to slow a running hose.

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